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TWO LIBRARIES DIVORCED

COUNCIL FORMALLY SEVERS CONNECTIONS WITH COUNTY

With Judge Fee Advising, Council Makes Answer to Action of Court in Terminating Contract Arbitrarily; Withdraws Support and Will Leave County to Pay Bills.

FEE OFFERS STURGIS FUND TO CITY TO MAKE FIGHT

No new developments in the library situation occurred today, though both sides are consulting their attorneys and discussing further steps. City Attorney Fee, who was given authority to proceed as he saw fit to protect the city library, stated he had not decided upon measures yet. Nothing has yet been decided as to whether or not the city library will be moved out of the new building. An adjourned meeting of the library board will be held this evening. County Judge Marsh had nothing to say this morning when he learned of the developments of last night but stated that the side which he represents has placed its case in the hands of the court and that he and his associates would fight for their contentions.

Apparently there are to be two libraries in Pendleton.

The city council last evening, acting upon a petition from the majority of the Pendleton library board and at the suggestion of Judge James A. Fee, formally divorced the city library from the county library, annulling the contract whereby the city had promised not less than \$2500 annually for the maintenance of the library, "passed the buck" of paying the bills in connection with the new central building to the county and instructed the city attorney to take such other steps as might be necessary for the protection of the Pendleton public library.

Judge Fee, at the request of Mayor Best and as custodian of the Sturgis library endowment fund, was present at the meeting of the council last evening and addressed that body for nearly an hour upon library history, law and various phases of the unhappy controversy which has wrought up the community. Both because he is

trustee of the Sturgis fund and because his wife is a member of the library fund, Judge Fee has taken active interest in the library affairs and proved himself very familiar with the whole controversy.

Denounces Librarian. Judge Fee denounced the county court vehemently for repudiating its solemn contract with the library board and for what he characterized as an attempt to take over the Pendleton city library without the consent of the people of Pendleton. He, moreover, delivered an invective against the present librarian, putting upon her the responsibility of the present library turmoil and charging her with repeatedly assuming authority that was not vested in her. As an example of her alleged arbitrary actions, he declared that, without any authority whatever from the Pendleton public library board, she had, under cover of darkness and by way of back streets, moved the city library into a county building.

For this Judge Fee suggested that action for damages be brought against the county or against Miss Naeon, and he guaranteed that it would be prosecuted successfully.

Sturgis Fund in Fight. Perhaps the most startling announcement of Judge Fee was the statement that he would place the entire amount in the Sturgis endowment fund ever and above \$5000, at the disposal of the city for use in any fight that might be necessary to protect the Pendleton public library. As trustee of the Sturgis fund he stated that he construed the interests of that fund to be identical with the interests of the city library and therefore felt privileged to offer the accrued earnings of the original fund, amounting to something over \$12,000 as an aid in protecting the city library.

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SCHOOL BOARD HAS MEETING TO SANCTION IMPROVEMENTS

The city school board held an adjourned meeting last night. It was voted to have E. E. Chloupek, head of the manual training department grade and construct a cement sidewalk and curbing on Cottonwood street along side of the high school building.

It was voted to pay all boys in the employ of Mr. Chloupek on non-school days, twenty cents an hour for carpenter work and twenty-five cents an hour for concrete work. For all materials taken home by the pupils in connection with the work of the department there will be a 100 per cent charge made. The telephone in Miss Butler's room will be removed. Hereafter there will be only one phone in the building and there will be no connections with the different rooms from the principal's office.

A system of separate accounts for the high school and grades was voted. This system was recommended at the meeting of the Inland Empire educational system two years ago in Spokane at which E. L. Smith of the Pendleton board, was present.

The ground back of the high school was ordered to be harrowed and placed in shape for athletics. G. W. Phelps was appointed as a committee of one to look after the repairing and plumbing in the different schools.

So that the high school yard may no longer be the cove of the lover it was voted to have a small light burning on each of the porches of the high school building each night.

The proposition of fitting up the girls' rest room was referred to the city school superintendent and the ladies' gymnasium committee. During the Round-Up it was voted to keep open the grounds and buildings to the visitors for their convenience.

The roof of the forge was ordered painted and the walls of the forge and the high school where needed were ordered plastered.

nishing the hardware for the department.

The proposition of furnishing paper free of charge to grade school children was referred to the budget committee. The matter of installing fire ladders was referred to the budget committee. Superintendent A. T. Park was requested to report on an equitable adjustment in the matter of the cost of instruction of non-resident pupils in the grade schools. The charge in this case is not to be made against the parents of the pupils.

ASSURANCES SENT TO U. S. BY JAPAN

Statement Declares Imperial Government Has No Intention of Interfering With Chinese Open Door.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The state department made public the text of Japan's written assurances regarding the Chinese open door policy. The statement assures America that Japan does not intend to interfere.

A portion of the statement follows: "The imperial government desires to assure the American government that the new convention is not designed to repeal or modify the Japanese-Russian convention. The imperial government does not entertain any intention of changing its policy respecting Chinese independence or territorial integrity. Japan is strongly convinced of the policy's usefulness in the interests of general far eastern stability."

The Russian minister of foreign affairs similarly assured the American ambassador at Petrograd regarding the treaty.

FIVE STREET CARS ON GOTHAM IN FILE UP

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Five street cars with a strikebreaking crew tied up on a grade. Nine were injured.

ROUND-UP ISSUES TO GO BROADCAST

Hundreds of orders coming to the East Oregonian for the Round-Up souvenir editions show that this city and its world famous show will derive much publicity from the fact local people are sending copies to their friends and relatives.

In point of interest the Round-Up numbers will surpass all former efforts by the paper. The editions will be larger than ever before and the illustrative features will be better. In fact the Round-Up editions will constitute a splendid gift to be sent to those to whom you wish to make known the story of Pendleton and the Round-Up.

There is probability that this year the supply of special editions will be exhausted before the demand is fully met. Those desiring papers should place their orders at once. The price is 25 cents for the series.

THOMPSON FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Slayer of Mrs. Helen Jennings and Fred Ristman Is Convicted.

HILLSBORO, Sept. 14.—Bennett Thompson was found guilty on the first ballot by a jury tonight of the murder of Mrs. Helen Jennings and Fred Ristman, jitney driver, near Tualatin, in Washington county, on the night of May 15.

The jury was out just 34 minutes, retiring at 7:45 and reporting a verdict at 8:19 p. m. Thompson had no comment to make on the finding. He faces imprisonment for the term of his natural life, the greatest possible punishment for murder in Oregon. This penalty is definitely fixed by statute.

The jury members were George W. Beal, E. L. Abbott, A. J. Roy, Henry P. Roberts, Paul Beck, O. C. Jackson, Daniel Beaville, Allen Dilley, W. E. Pegg, M. C. Larsen, John Loftis and L. J. Rushlow.

No notice of appeal was made by the attorneys representing Thompson as they decided to consult the relatives before taking such action.

TELEGRAPH COMPANY DISCUSSES NEW PLANS

Replies to Request of City Attorney That All Poles Now Maintained on Main Street Be Removed.

Following the request of City Attorney J. Alger Fee for the city that all poles now maintained on Main street be removed, a report from the office of the district commercial superintendent of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company was filed with the city recorder last night. The report is as follows:

"In connection with this matter and in way of information, I will state that we have under way and have been engaged for the past year in preparing a complete engineering study for the reconstruction of our telephone plant in the city of Pendleton. During the year 1915 we completed work which covered the complete reconstruction of the telephone plant in the section north of the Umatilla river and now have in preparation an estimate in the amount of \$15,000 to cover the complete reconstruction in the section south of the Umatilla river and north of the Oregon-Washington railroad tracks and which provides for the elimination of all poles on Main street from Railroad avenue north.

"The development on the south side of the O.-W. railroad tracks is not sufficient to warrant underground construction, for which reason we desire to retain the present pole lead on the main street from Railroad avenue south across the railroad tracks, and we are hopeful that the city council will be favorable to the continuation of our poles along this portion of the main street for the reason stated.

"We shall be pleased to discuss the entire matter with the city council or its representatives at some future date, if desired.

"We feel that when our proposed plans for the reconstruction of our plant are completed that conditions will be entirely satisfactory to the city council."

SMALL DROP IN WHEAT MARKET

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices today:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Sept.	\$1.50 1/2	\$1.52	\$1.46 1/2	\$1.48 1/2
Dec.	\$1.51 1/2	\$1.53	\$1.46	\$1.49 1/2

Portland, Ore., Sept. 14.—(Special)—Club, \$1.29; bluestem \$1.33 1/2; Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 14.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 14s 3/4; No. 2, 14s 1/2; No. 3, 14s 1/4; No. 4, 14s 1/8; No. 5, 14s 1/16; No. 6, 14s 1/32; No. 7, 14s 1/64; No. 8, 14s 1/128; No. 9, 14s 1/256; No. 10, 14s 1/512; No. 11, 14s 1/1024; No. 12, 14s 1/2048.

LASTING PEACE NEAR DECLARES M. BRIAND

French Premier Addresses Chamber of Deputies Reviewing Developments Since Last Session.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—The chamber of deputies passed the new war loan without a dissenting vote. This is an unprecedented proceeding.

(BY HENRY WOOD)

PARIS, Sept. 14.—Premier Briand addressed the chamber of deputies last night. He reviewed the developments since the last session. He declared a lasting, durable peace was assured by the allies placing the Teutons on the defensive. He said: "Roumania's intervention and Italy's declaration of war against Germany completed the allies' solidarity. It completely reduces the central powers to the defensive and deprived them of all initiative in military operations. The allies intervened in Greece for the double purpose of protecting their expeditionary force and conserving Greek interests. They won't permit the enemy to enter Greece. The unity now fully established will insure a lasting, durable peace after allied victory."

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